



June 15, 2015

Dear Congressman Chaffetz:

On behalf of the Utah Association of Counties (UAC), I want to thank you for your leadership in addressing the issue of remote sales tax collection. It is deeply gratifying to have one of our own leading the charge on this important issue.

As you know, Utah's counties rely on sales taxes to fund county services such as law enforcement, road maintenance, and health and human services. The ability to collect existing taxes has been a long-standing priority for us and UAC has long supported the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement. While your legislation is important in moving us towards collection of remote sales tax, it is also beneficial to main street businesses which are the backbone of our local economies. The increasing strength of electronic commerce creates exciting new marketplaces, but it has also put traditional retail outlets at an unfair disadvantage because of outdated tax environments.

Thank you for introducing the Remote Transaction Parity Act which would enable state and local governments to collect taxes due on remote sales. We appreciate that you recognize the longstanding Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement, adopted a phase-in approach for small-sellers and utilize the destination-based approach for sourcing remote sales in your bill. We look forward to working with you as the process moves forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Trupp", written over a horizontal line.

Adam Trupp
CEO, Utah Association of Counties